

ABSOLUTE RATING: Good
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Unsatisfactory

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 31. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.
(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Good	Unsatisfactory
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	59.8	77.5	65.1	67.6	72.1	74.4
• Passed 2 subtests	19.8	12.6	17.6	17.6	15.2	14.8
• Passed 1 subtest	14.5	6.8	10.6	9.6	8.3	7.1
• Passed no subtests	5.9	3.1	6.7	5.2	4.4	3.8

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	16.1%	22.7%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	16.1%	24.2%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	55.4%	53.8%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	92.9%	16.1%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	100.0%	8.7%	
Students without disabilities	92.6%	16.8%	
Gender			
Male	93.8%	14.1%	
Female	92.0%	18.0%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	83.8%	9.2%	
Hispanic	100.0%	50.0%	
White	95.6%	19.1%	
Other	100.0%	0.0%	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	84.2%	10.5%	
Pay for lunch	94.8%	17.0%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	79.3%
Completers placed	100.0%
Eligible students enrolled	9.4%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,633	N/A	\$5,633	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	90.3%	Down from 90.6%	90.6%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	25.1 to 1	N/A	26.7 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=1,501)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	50.8%	N/A	51.0%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	95.6%	Up from 95.4%	95.6%	95.3%
• Retention rate	5.9%	Down from 6.0%	9.1%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=99)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	9.6 Days	Up from 7.5	7.5 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	96.1%	Down from 96.6%	95.9%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	60.6%	Down from 64.0%	54.0%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	86.9%	Up from 79.6%	84.8%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	2.0%	Up from 0.0%	2.3%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	86.2%	Down from 88.5%	86.3%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$41,566	Up 5.2%	\$38,874	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	4.3%	Up from 3.6%	2.7%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	60.4%	N/A	55.8%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	4.0	N/A	3.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	45.7%	N/A	60.1%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	6.3%	Down from 6.6%	8.9%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	12	N/A	24	29
• Gifted and talented	3.0%	Up from 2.8%	9.8%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	14.0%	Up from 12.0%	10.7%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	9.9%	N/A	1.2%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	141	N/A	408	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	22.8%	N/A	24.8%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

What an exciting year! The entire James F. Byrnes High School community has just finished one of the busiest and most rewarding years ever as evidenced by our students' success in and out of the classroom. This year's hard work has paid off in many ways. In recognition of the strong overall program at Byrnes, the school was a finalist for the Carolina First Palmetto's Finest Award. Our Focus on Writing program to improve student writing skills in all classes has been named one of only two high school Exemplary Writing Programs in South Carolina by the Writing Improvement Network. In the area of service, our annual canned food drive, Rebel Pride fundraiser to help stop cancer, and other projects all exceeded previous levels of giving. The Rebel Regiment Marching Band won its third consecutive State Championship. The Boys Cross-Country Team won the 4A state championship. Members of the math team, academic team, and academic decathlon team won team and individual honors this year. Our enrollment in advanced classes is at an all time high. This year at Byrnes was also filled with stories of individual student success. Students were published in state and national magazines, recognized by various state organizations, and placed in the regional science fair. Many members of the graduating class received scholarship awards to help further their education. All of these statistics add up to one thing: Byrnes High School is a place where students, led by caring and motivated teachers, are working hard to be prepared for life beyond high school. None of this would be possible without the strong support of our community. Business, industry, parents, and other community members provide invaluable support to our school as recognized when Byrnes received Flagship Status in the SC Schools of Promise Initiative. Business and community members sponsor our Top Ten and Evening of Excellence academic awards banquets. Our mentors have become valuable advocates and friends to many of our students. Our loyal Rebel fans support our band and athletic teams throughout the year. Located in Duncan, South Carolina, James F. Byrnes High School serves a mixture of rural, small town, and suburban communities. Originally built in 1955, the school has been expanded and renovated several times to accommodate the current student body of around 1,475 students, grades nine through twelve. A faculty, staff, and administration of 170 caring adults serve this school community. Sixty-six percent of the faculty have attained Master's Degrees or higher. The student-teacher ratio is 16:1; the average class size is 22.

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	89.4	76.7	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	95.7	83.9	
Satisfied with home-school relations	75.3	83.6	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 1,501 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Average



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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